

**Land & Water
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LAND & WATER CONSERVATION COMMITTEE MEETING MINUTES

DATE and TIME: Wednesday, July 19, 2006 at 1:30 p.m.

PLACE: Oneida County Courthouse, Committee Rm. 1 (second floor)

MEMBERS PRESENT: Chairman Rudolph, Petroskey, Matteson, Martinson, and Kuczmarski (Hansen-excused absence)

OTHERS PRESENT: Nancy Hollands, Barb Payne, Jean Hansen, Debbie Munson, (Lakeland Times) Frank Greb, (County Board Supervisor)

1. Meeting was called to order in the Oneida County Courthouse, Committee Room 1 at 1:37 p.m. by Chairman Rudolph, who indicated that this meeting is a public meeting of the Land & Water Conservation Committee, which was properly posted and the media was notified.

2. MOTION (Petroskey/Matteson), to approve the minutes of the June 28th meeting and the current agenda. Motion carried, all voting aye.

3. Set date for next meeting – The LWCC committee meeting for August 16th is scheduled for 3:00 p.m. and the meeting for September 7th is scheduled for 1:30 p.m.

The Land & Water Resource Planning meetings are scheduled as follows:

- Technical Committee Meeting - Thursday, July 27th at 9:00 a.m.
- LWCC Meeting - Wednesday, August 9th at 9:00 a.m.

4. Public Comments – Frank Greb, County Board Supervisor requested the Committee to consider submitting a resolution to the County Board banning the use of phosphate fertilizers within 1000 feet of shorelines.

5. Wildlife Damage Program – Hollands suggested contacting Ron Eckstein, DNR to attend a future meeting and report on bear permits issued.

6. County Cost Share program – Hollands reported the Phebus (Jenev Leasing Corporation), is a go. The contract needs to be drawn up. Jean Hansen reported that return receipt certified letters were sent out to the three Nokomis landowners. The letters stated the deadline for cost share was July 14th. Two of the property owners responded. The Singletarys have indicated by phone and fax that they want to go ahead. The Buhls have indicated by phone and fax they also want to also go ahead. The Genelins did not respond to the return receipt certified letter. At this time the Nokomis Project participants will be the Singletarys and the Buhls. They will receive 70% cost share funds.

Jean stated a cost share plan was sent out to Smeatons and they will receive this from 2006 funds.

7. Four County Meeting/Proposed Budget – Hollands reported that the Four County Meeting would be held in Florence on August 17th. Margie Yadro, Conservation Specialist, would provide information about the meeting arrangements. Hollands said that the county van would be reserved and that we should leave Rhinelander by 1:00 p.m. Hollands stated that Margie Sorenson from the Finance Department came up with the estimated costs for 2006 and the proposed budget for 2007. The proposed cost for administrative costs for calendar year 2007 would be \$73,700.00. The total amount due for both Forest County and Florence County would be \$1,474.00 for calendar year 2007. Martinson stated that he would like to see Hollands work 100% for Oneida County eliminating the 2% provided to both Florence and Forest Counties.

MOTION (Martinson/no second), to approve Hollands working 100% for Oneida County eliminate the 2% administrative support for Forest and Florence Counties for 2007. Matteson said he would second the motion if it were amended.

The Committee took a vote on Martinson's original motion; these are the results as follows: **(Rudolph – no) (Petroskey – no) (Matteson – no) (Kuczmarski – no) and (Martinson – yes) (Hansen absent). Motion failed, with four voting no, one voting yes, and one absent.**

The Committee at this point went into more discussion before amending Martinson's original motion. Petroskey asked Hollands how many hours she had her staff work for each county during the year. Hollands replied that she and her staff worked approximately 40 hours for each county annually. Petroskey said he thought that the amount of time and money spent was minimal and well worth it. Rudolph commented that he felt it provided a valuable connection with Forest and Florence Counties, which benefit our county. Martinson expressed that he still feels Oneida County needs Hollands for 100% of the time.

****AMENDED MOTION (Matteson/Petroskey), amended the original motion as follows: to offer the proposed Three County Agreement as presented to Forest and Florence Counties at the Four County Meeting on August 17th. The Committee then voted on the amended motion as follows: (Rudolph - yes) (Petroskey – yes) (Matteson – yes) (Kuczmarski – yes) (Martinson – no) (Hansen – absent). Motion carried with four voting yes, one voting no, and one absent.**

8. Land & Water Resource Management Plan Update – Hollands reported that the first full draft of the plan was finished. She had received a reply from DATCP about the changes that are needed. She stated that she met with Fred Heider from North Central Wisconsin Regional Planning Commission and Dennis Presser from DATCP on Friday, July 21st at the office to review the required changes to the plan. Hollands stated that she is in the process of scheduling another Technical Committee Meeting for the end of next week. She asked the Committee to look over the first draft and let her know if they had any suggested changes. Hollands stated there is a great amount of work to be done yet to meet the deadline. Rudolph asked if there was going to be a photo on the cover and map photos included in the plan? Hollands reported that there would be a photo on the cover and map photos would also be included in the new LWRMP that will be presented to the LWCB on October 3rd

9. Oneida County Strategic Long Range Plan – Hollands stated that Lynn Grube from ITS stated they would be working on compiling a CD on the plan. Hollands stated that the LWCC authorize Rudolph to work with her on the county long-range plan. She said the current plan will needed to be updated with the revisions by August 7th.

MOTION (Matteson/Martinson), to approve Chairman Rudolph to work with Hollands on the preparation of the Land & Water Conservation section of the Oneida County Strategic Long Range Plan. Motion carried, all voting aye.

10. Non – Native Aquatic Invasive Species/Grants -

a) Contractual Services for DNR grant

Hollands stated that she had recently received a phone call from Lincoln County Conservationist, Diane Hanson. She stated that Lincoln County wouldn't be applying jointly with Oneida County for a DNR grant, as Lincoln County won't be able to meet the required grant match in 2007. Hollands stated that Oneida County would be applying alone for any DNR 2007 grants. She stated that one option we have would be to apply independently for an AIS grant of \$5,000 with a \$5,000 DNR match. The deadline for applying is August 1st. Hollands gave the Committee a brief summary as to what accomplishments were made with this year's grant funding. Hollands reported we hosted three Clean Waters Clean Boats Workshops and one Lake Monitoring Workshop. Matteson stated the LWCD/LWCC volunteered their time to sponsor a float in the July 4th parade for the past two years. This year the float took a first place in the general category. Discussion continued about the pros and cons of having a float in the parade again next year. Rudolph stated he felt that having a float in the parade is a very effective tool to educate the general public. Hollands said she would have to check the grant requirements and see what the specifics are. It may be possible to substitute another activity instead of a float in the parade for next year. At least that way it would free up the July 4th holiday for those who have been volunteering for the past two years. Kuczarski suggested sponsoring of public service announcements to raise the general public awareness on the AIS issues. The Committee agreed that public service announcements were a very good idea. Hollands said she would check into the grant specifics on acceptable requirements.

MOTION (Petroskey/Martinson), to propose that Hollands apply for the AIS Grant for 2007 for \$10,000.00. Motion carried, all voting aye.

Hollands also reported that several letters of support have been sent to various lakes organizations for applying for AIS grant monies. One such letter of support was sent in to the Flannery and Velvet Lakes (Town of Newbold). They are reapplying for an AIS grant. Rudolph reported that the Horsehead Lake District is also reapplying for an AIS grant for a baseline study on lake plant life. Petroskey requested the Committee be supplied with some type of summary as to the number of letters and to whom they were sent.

MOTION (Matteson/Martinson), to authorize giving the LWCC Chairman the authority to review and sign letters of support for the rest of 2006 to (lake associations/lake districts) when they are applying for DNR - AIS grants, and Lake Planning grants. Motion carried, all voting aye.

Jean Hansen stated that she gave an AIS power point presentation to the Hasbrook Lake Association. She stated it went well. When she began her presentation, she asked the people present if they had ever attended a CWCB Workshop. Hansen said out of 34 people present only two people had attended a CWCB Workshop. Rudolph asked Hansen if she would be available to give her AIS power point presentation at the Horsehead Lake District's Annual meeting, which is on August 5th? Hansen said she thought she would be able to do the presentation.

11. Lumberjack RC&D Meeting, July 27th, in Rhinelander – Hollands informed the committee the Lumberjack RC&D meeting will be hosted by Oneida County. It will be held at the Hodag Lanes Banquet Center on Thursday, July 27th. Hollands asked the Committee who planned to attend. The Committee replied as follows: (Rudolph – yes) (Petroskey – yes) (Matteson – yes) (Martinson – not sure) (Kuczmarski – no) and (Hansen – excused absence). Hollands stated that she wouldn't be attending the meeting, as she had a technical committee meeting scheduled for Thursday to work on the LWRM Plan.

12. Lake Districts/Agency Report (FSA, NRCS, LWCD, UWEX, DNR, LWCB, WLWCA, & RC&D) -

Lake Districts – Rudolph reported the Oneida County Board gave unanimous support for the Lake District appointments at the meeting on Tuesday, July 18th.

Bear Lake District – Martinson reported that the next meeting will be held around Labor Day.

Horsehead Lake District – Rudolph reported the Horsehead Lake District has resubmitted another grant application for lake plant study and non-invasive natives that have spread in epidemic proportions. He also commented that he would like Jean to present her AIS power point presentation at their meeting on August 5th in Lake Tomahawk.

Mid Lake District – Petroskey had nothing new to report.

Thunder Lake District – No report was given as Guy Hansen was on vacation.

FSA – No report was given.

NRCS – No report was given.

LWCD – Hollands reported Joan Meader, the teacher who was selected for the Trees for Tomorrow Scholarship, would be attending the Phenology workshop on July 24 – 26. Joan has agreed to attend the August 16th committee meeting to share her experiences. Hollands reported that the staff has worked with the DNR on three AIS workshops and one lake monitoring workshop. We also participated in the July 4 CBCW float.

MOTION (Petroskey/Martinson), approve the writing of thank you letters to the sponsors and the people who volunteered their time to the July 4th float. Motion carried, all voting aye.

UWEX – No report given.

DNR – No report given.

LWCB – Rudolph reported the next meeting of the LWCB is scheduled for the first Tuesday in August. It is being held in Oshkosh (Winnebago County).

WLWCA – Rudolph reported that he went to Madison to attend a meeting on the revision of WLWCA due to recent vacancies in the WLWCA. Rudolph stated that they spent an extensive amount of time with Christa Jones, the NACD Executive Director. Christa helped develop a new strategic plan starting almost from scratch. Part of the process was searching for a new executive director to replace Rebecca Baumann, This vacancy has to be filled by the middle of September. Rudolph stated that he had just come back from attending the NACD North Central Regional Meeting that was held in July 9-11 in Cleveland, Ohio. He will be representing Wisconsin, as part of the board of directors, at a National meeting of the organization in August.

RC&D – Rudolph reported that the RC&D annual meeting is being held in Eau Claire.

13. Monthly Budget Review – Hollands informed the Committee that Finance Department used approximately \$3,000 of LWCD budget because of the vacancy in the Typist II position. Hollands also noted that the advertising of the vacant typist II position cost \$875 for publication of the ad two times. **MOTION (Martinson/Petroskey), to approve the June 2006 Expense Analysis for both the Land & Water Conservation Department and the Wildlife budget as presented. Motion carried, all voting aye.**

14. County Travel Authorization -

August 5 th	AIS Presentation to Horsehead Lake District- Lake Tomahawk
August 17 th	Four County Meeting - Florence
August 24 th	North Central Summer Tour in Wood County (Wisconsin Rapids)

MOTION (Matteson/Petroskey), to authorize the committee and appropriate staff to attend these meetings. Motion carried, all voting aye.

15. Approval of invoices, purchase orders, and line item transfers. **MOTION (Petroskey/Martinson), to approve payment of the vouchers as presented. Motion carried, all voting aye.**

Land Conservation Department Account

Wisconsin Association of Lakes (Registration for Northwoods Lakes Workshop in Minocqua)	\$140.00
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Mary Puestow (Materials for Costumes for July 4 th Parade)	\$109.53
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Wildlife Damage Program Account

UDSA-APHIS	<u>\$500.00</u>
**Invoices Total	<u>\$749.53</u>

16. Items for next agenda meeting – Consider submitting a resolution to the County Board on banning the use of phosphate fertilizers within 1000 feet from the shoreline.

17. Adjourn – **With all business being concluded, the meeting adjourned at 3:54 p.m. by MOTION (Martison/Petroskey), Motion carried, all voting aye.**

Thomas Rudolph
Chairman

Nancy Hollands
County Conservationist